The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A data management system for managing data by ~~individually~~ appending meta data for a data search to <u>managed</u> data ~~to be managed~~, comprising:

        means for accepting <u>a user's</u> selection of the <u>managed</u> data to which the meta data is to be appended;

        <u>means for accepting the user's selection of the types of contents of the managed data;</u>

        means for providing ~~predetermined~~ candidates of meta data <u>according to the types contents selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed;</u>

        means for accepting <u>the user's</u> selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data; and

        means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

2.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the managed data; and

means for searching for the managed data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data.

3.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said means for accepting the user's selection of the data accepts selection of at least a portion ~~partial data~~ of the managed data to identify sub-data, and said saving means saves the sub-data ~~partial data~~ and the meta data in association with each other.

4.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 3, wherein the managed data is moving image data, and the sub-data ~~partial data~~ is frame image data which forms the moving image data.

5.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the types of contents of data to be managed ~~candidates of meta data~~ are defined for respective events in everyday life~~, and are provided in units of events~~.

6.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 5, wherein ~~further comprising:~~ said means for accepting the user's selection of the types of contents of the managed data ~~means for accepting~~ accepts selection of the event, and said means for providing candidates of meta data provides ~~wherein~~ the candidates of meta data associated with the selected event ~~are provided~~.

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7.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the managed data is data of an image, and

said system further comprises means for displaying the image associated with the selected managed data and the candidates of meta data together.

8.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the managed data is at least one of image data and audio data, or a combination thereof.

9.   (Currently Amended) A data management method for managing data by ~~individually~~ appending meta data for a data search to managed data, ~~to be managed~~ said method comprising:

the step of accepting a user's selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;

the step of accepting the user's selection of the types of contents of the managed data;

the step of providing ~~predetermined~~ candidates of meta data according to the types selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed;

the step of accepting the user's selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data; and

the step of saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

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10. (Currently Amended) A program for, upon managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to <u>managed</u> data ~~to be managed~~, making a computer function ~~as~~<u>, said program comprising</u>:

means for accepting <u>a user's</u> selection of the <u>managed</u> data to which the meta data is to be appended;

<u>means for accepting the user's selection of the types of contents of the managed data;</u>

means for providing ~~predetermined~~ candidates of meta data <u>according to the types selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed</u>;

means for accepting <u>the user's</u> selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data; and

means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

11. (Currently Amended) <u>The system according to claim 2, further comprising</u> ~~A data management system for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:~~

~~means for accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;~~

~~means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;~~

~~means for accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data;~~

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means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other;

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the data;

means for searching for the data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the <u>managed</u> data found by search.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 11, further comprising:

means for accepting <u>a user's</u> selection of data that provides contents thereof from the <u>managed</u> data found by search;

means for acquiring another data associated with the selected data; and

providing means for providing contents of the selected data and the other acquired data.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein the <u>managed</u> data is data of a moving image, and

said providing means provides by displaying a series of moving images consisting of a moving image of the selected data and a moving image of the other acquired data.

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14.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 11, wherein the ~~managed~~ data is at least one of image data and audio data, or a combination thereof.

15.   (Currently Amended) <u>The method according to claim 9, further</u> <u>comprising:</u> ~~A data management method for managing data by individually appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:~~

~~the step of accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is~~ ~~to be appended;~~

~~the step of providing predetermined candidates of meta data;~~

~~the step of accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the~~ ~~selected data from the provided candidates of meta data;~~

~~the step of saving the selected data and the selected meta data in~~ ~~association with each other;~~

the step of accepting input of a search condition used to search for the <u>managed</u> data;

the step of searching for the <u>managed</u> data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

the step of partially providing contents of the <u>managed</u> data found by search.

16.   (Currently Amended) <u>The program according to claim 10, further</u> <u>comprising:</u> ~~A program for, upon managing data by individually appending meta data for a~~ ~~data search to data to be managed, making a computer function as:~~

~~means for accepting selection of the data to which the meta data is to be appended;~~

~~means for providing predetermined candidates of meta data;~~

~~means for accepting selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided candidates of meta data;~~

~~means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other;~~

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for the <u>managed</u> data;

means for searching for the <u>managed</u> data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the <u>managed</u> data found by search.

17.   (Currently Amended) A data management system for managing data by ~~individually~~ appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, comprising:

<u>means for accepting a user's selection of the types of contents of the data to be managed;</u>

means for providing ~~predetermined~~ candidates of meta data <u>according to the types selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed</u>;

means for accepting <u>the user's</u> selection of meta data from the provided candidates of meta data;

means for inputting the data to be managed to which the selected

meta data is appended after the user's selection of meta data; and

means for saving the selected meta data and the input data as

managed data in association with each other.

18.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17, further

comprising:

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for

the managed data;

means for searching for the managed data associated with the search

condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the managed data found by

search.

19.   (Currently Amended) A data management method for managing

data by ~~individually~~ appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed,

comprising:

the step of accepting a user's selection of the types of contents of the

data to be managed;

the step of providing ~~predetermined~~ candidates of meta data

according to the types selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data

being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be

managed;

the step of accepting <u>the user's</u> selection of meta data from the provided candidates of meta data;

the step of inputting <u>the</u> data <u>to be managed</u> to which the selected meta data is appended <u>after the user's selection of meta data</u>; and

the step of saving the selected meta data and the input data <u>as managed data</u> in association with each other.

20.   (Currently Amended) A program for, upon managing data by ~~individually~~ appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, making a computer function ~~as~~<u>, said program comprising</u>:

<u>means for accepting a user's selection of the types of contents of the data to be managed;</u>

means for providing ~~predetermined~~ candidates of meta data <u>according to the types selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed</u>;

means for accepting <u>the user's</u> selection of meta data from the provided candidates of meta data;

means for inputting <u>the</u> data <u>to be managed</u> to which the selected meta data is appended <u>after the user's selection of meta data</u>; and

means for saving the selected meta data and the input data <u>as managed data</u> in association with each other.

21.   (New) The system according to claim 17, wherein said means for

accepting the user's selection of meta data accepts a plurality of meta data, and said means for saving the selected meta data and the input data saves meta data selected among the plurality of meta data by the user after the data to be managed are inputted and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

22.   (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein said step of accepting the user's selection of meta data accepts a plurality of meta data, and said step of saving the selected meta data and the input data saves meta data selected among the plurality of meta data by the user after the data to be managed are inputted and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

23.   (New) The program according to claim 20, wherein said means for accepting the user's selection of meta data accepts a plurality of meta data, and said means for saving the selected meta data and the input data saves meta data selected among the plurality of meta data by the user after the data to be managed are inputted and the input data as managed data in association with each other.